LINGUISTICS

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Interlingua: genesis, evolution and some specific features

The development of science, technology, commerce, diplomacy and art coupled with the historical dominance of Greek and Latin languages resulted in the establishment of an extensive word stock common to many European languages. This feature of global linguistic situation brought about the concept of auxiliary languages designed to facilitate human communication. One of such languages is the international auxiliary language known as interlingua, which currently appears to be the most popular auxiliary language elaborated in reliance on natural languages. The paper considers prerequisites, stages of development and establishment of interlingua, as well as its specific features and arguments put forward by both the supporters and the opponents of the concept.

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